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¶1. (U) Norwegian MFA Security Policy and Afghan experts agree that ISAF should have a greater role in counter narcotics. As part of a broader discussion on Afghan issues the Norwegians expressed support for greater ISAF involvement in counter narcotics before poloff made demarche points. Norway has remained silent in NATO but will consider speaking up to urge greater ISAF counter narcotics involvement. We have requested senior level meetings with the head of the MFA Security Policy Section to re-emphasize the importance of the SACEUR initiative.

WHITNEY